

**Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee
Ramada Inn-Southwest
Jackson, MS
Minutes**

April 6, 2000

MTAC Members Present:

William T. Avara, M.D.
John Brahan, M.D.
David Cook, R.N.
Lucy Cumbest, R.N.
Rodney Frothingham, M.D.
Hugh Gamble, M.D.
Jerry Green
John Lucas, M.D.

Brennett Lyles, R.N., REMT-P
Bob McDonald
John Nelson, M.D.
Charles Pigott, M.D.
Galen Poole, M.D.
Marshall Tucker
Christine Weiland, R.N.

MTAC Members Not Present:

Wells Wilson, M.D.
John Cook, M.D.

Others Present:

Ricky Boggan
David Carrol, M.D.
Janice Conerly
Ingrid Williams
Frank Ehrlich, M.D.
Ellen O'Neal

EMS Staff Present:

Wade N. Spruill, Jr.
Beth Nation
Austin Banks
Keith Parker
Debbie Ward
Cyndy Moore
Fran Dickie

I. Call to Order:

- A. Meeting was called to order by Dr. Gamble at 10:05 A.M.

II. Introductions:

- A. Lucy Cumbest, RN was introduced as the new ENA representative.
- B. Cyndy Moore was introduced as the new Trauma PR consultant.

III. Adoption of Minutes:

- A. Minutes from October 7, 1999 MTAC meeting were adopted by acclamation.

IV. Reports:

- A. Central Trauma Care Region - Dr. Poole
 - 1. UMC inspected for Level I Trauma Center
 - 2. Level III and IV hospitals preparing for trauma center inspections.
- B. North Trauma Care Region - Dr. Piggott
 - 1. Elected Administrative Board
 - 2. North MS Medical Center and Baptist Memorial Hospital - Golden Triangle inspected for Level II Trauma Centers.
- C. Coastal Trauma Care Region - Dr. Avara
 - 1. Contract with State signed.
 - 2. Working on Regional Trauma Plan
 - 3. Working on getting insurance for the Region.
- D. Southeast Trauma Care Region - Dr. Brahan
 - 1. Forrest General Hospital inspected for Level II Trauma Center.
- E. Delta Trauma Care Region - Dr. Lucas
 - 1. Delta Regional Medical Center inspected for a Level II Trauma Center
 - 2. Region has held multiple meetings.
 - 3. Region has retained Horne CPA Group to manage the reimbursement issues.

V. Old Business:

- A. Trauma Web Page - Cyndy Moore
 - 1. Web page development has begun.
 - 2. Web page will have multiple uses for Region and public.
 - 3. It will be managed by the EMS office.
- B. Reimbursement Policy - Mr. Spruill
 - 1. Presentation to MTAC of the reimbursement manual.
 - 2. Deadline for regions to submit the data to the State is June 5, 2000.
 - 3. Regions must set deadlines for submitting data to Regions.

VI. New Business:

- A. Trauma System Rules; Clarification - Mr. Parker
 - 1. Clarifications made regarding Trauma Service Director for Level III and Orthopedic coverage for Level IV.
- B. Media Event - Cyndy Moore
 - 1. Scheduled for Monday, April 10th at the Capital to announce Level I and Level II Trauma Center Designations and present the administrative funds to the Trauma Care Regions.
 - 2. Invitations have been sent to each region regarding the media event.
 - 3. Governor Musgrove will speak.
- C. Level III/IV Inspection Schedule and Reimbursement Plan - Dr. Ehrlich
 - 1. Level III/IV applications will be submitted to the DEMS.
 - 2. Applications will be reviewed by the Trauma Nurse Coordinators in the office to determine if the hospital meets criteria for inspection.
 - 3. All participating hospitals will submit reimbursement data to the regions.
 - 4. Eligible reimbursement funds will be disbursed from the Trauma Care Trust Fund to the regions.
 - 5. Regions will hold Level III/IV reimbursement.
 - 6. Level III/IV hospitals will be inspected beginning in July.
 - 7. Upon designation as a Level III/IV Trauma Center, disbursement of eligible reimbursement funds may be distributed.
 - 8. If a hospital does not pass trauma center inspection, the funds will be reallocated to the region.
 - 9. ALL funds will be allocated by June 30, 2000.
- D. Discussion of Executive Session - Ms. O'Neal
 - 1. Executive Session meetings are confidential.
 - 2. Records and discussion are confidential.
 - 3. Members are granted by statute immunity of any discussion, as long as the members keep the discussion confidential.
 - 4. If any information is released, members will lose immunity.
- E. Discussion of Recusal Rule - Dr. Ehrlich
 - 1. Every member will get a copy of the report.
 - 2. After reviewing the report, the MTAC will then vote on the recommendations of the inspection team.
 - 3. Prior to each hospital being discussed and voted on, any member that is part of the region in which the hospital up for discussion, must recuse themselves from the room.
 - 4. Motion made to adopt rule by Dr. Avara. Second - Dr Frothingham. Vote- Unanimous. Motion- Passed

- F. Dr. Gamble reads rule of Executive Session.
- G. MTAC enters Executive Session at 10:45 A.M.
- H. MTAC exits Executive Session at 11:45 A.M.
- I. Mr. Spruill discusses role of Regional Representatives.

VII. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.